

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MARINE EXPOSITION TO THE NEAR EAST

REF: STATE 302154

1. SIMILAR JAPANESE "FLOATING FAIR" VISITED BASRAH IN EARLY  
DECEMBER AND WAS, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE,

A GREAT SUCCESS. HE SAID VISIT, HOWEVER, POSED EXTREMELY  
DIFFICULT LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS GIVEN DISTANCE (500  
KILOMETERS) BETWEEN BAGHDAD AND BASRAH.

2. AS THE U.S., UNLIKE JAPAN, DOES NOT HAVE A  
CONSULATE IN BASRAH TO ASSIST WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS, WE  
EXPECT LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS OF VISIT OF MARINE EXPOSITION  
DURING SEPTEMBER 1977 NEAR EAST TOUR WOULD BE EVEN MORE  
DIFFICULT THAN JAPANESE ENCOUNTERED AND WOULD LIKELY  
PROVE INSURMOUNTABLE WITHOUT STATIONING SOMEONE FOR SEVERAL  
WEEKS OR MORE IN BASRAH. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE GOI WOULD  
LIKELY TO BE HESITANT TO APPROVE VISIT GIVEN THE LACK OF  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAQ AND THE U.S. THUS, WE  
RECOMMEND AGAINST A POST CALL AT BASRAH.  
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